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FOR: BENZO[1,2,5]OXADIAZOLES AND BENZOL[1,2,5]THIADIAZOLES  
USEFUL AS HISTOPATHOLOGICAL STAINING AGENTS, IMAGING  
AGENTS AND BIOMARKERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.